

Extracts from California Papers  
The San Francisco *Journal of Commerce*

15th ult. says:—Yesterday, at the Byron corner of Jackson and Kearney streets, Smith, of Pennsylvania, Dennis Skelton, Sioux, grappled each other, and commenced fighting in good humor, but the latter becoming struck Smith with his fist, and he returned fatal effect, killing Skelton dead upon the spot. A hearing of the case was had before a jury after an investigation Smith was discharged from custody.

formerly in the volunteer army in Mexico, was drowned in attempting to swim the McLean, Jeffrey, & Co's Ferry, at San Francisco, on the 10th inst. The unfortunate deceased, previous to the accident, had deposited twenty-nine ounces of gold dust in the hands of Capt. Geo. Bowles.

**POLICE REPORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.**—May number of the *Watchman*, we find a summary of police cases from September 4, 1856, to March 26, 1856, which we transfer to our columns:—

**Cases of murder**—

Attempt to kill	-	-	-
Larceny	-	-	-
Drunkness and disorderly conduct	-	-	-
Delirium and attempts at suicide	-	-	-
Perjury	-	-	-
Highway robbery	-	-	-
Assault and battery	-	-	-
Mutiny	-	-	-
Conspiracy	-	-	-
Swindling	-	-	-
Burglary	-	-	-

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**MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN CALIFORNIA.**  
**Married.**—In San Francisco, on the 7th, at the manse of the First Presbyterian ch., the Rev. A. Williams, Joseph Steadman Kennon.  
 On the 1st inst., at Big Bar, Yuba co., J. Dick, esq. Capt. Hiram Fogg, of Boston, to Miss Eliza A. Cameron, of Oskaloosa, Ia. co., Iowa.  
**Died.**—At the Folsom Diggings, on the

In San Francisco, on the 6th ult., of dysentery, Elisha L. Silliman, of New Conn., aged 57 years. Mr. Silliman was known in his native city as a prominent able citizen.

At Coloma, California, on the 8th April, Mrs. Rebecca E. Hurd, wife of A. B. Hurd, and daughter of F. S. and Mary A. Crane, left their home at Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin.

On board brig Fawn, near Benicia, Mr. B. Bates, son of Saxon, Mass., aged 36 years.

On board harque J. W. Coffin, Apr. Timothy Collins, of Penobscot, Me., a years.

On same vessel, April 26th, Gabriel H aged 1 year and 3 months.

In Sacramento city, on board the bark 25th year of his age. He was from 1 Mass., where he leaves a wife and two c

At Forksville, on Monday, April 23d, Re Farmer, of South Boston, Miss., aged 40

In San Francisco, on the morning of 1849, the ship of Wm. H. Willard, of Col

In San Francisco, on the morning of the 13th inst., John Henry Beach, Esq., of Saratoga, N. Y., arrived.

On brig Kate Heath, Feb. 24th, arrived Mr. Jeremiah Martin, of Portland, Me.

At Aspinwall, on the Pacific Ocean, on March 1850, Capt. Albert Cauling, late of the U. S. Navy, and formerly captain of the tugboat on the Mississippi river. His papers are in the hands of United States Consul, Valparaiso.

On board brig Quindly Bell, April 16th 1850, Jon. 119 50, W. Thomas S. Burnett, Esq., aged 46 years.

**The Asiatic Trade.**

Already do we hear of enterprising merchants contemplating the establishment of steamers between this port and Canton, via. Honolulu; and that six large vessels are expected daily at the harbor, freighted with the rich manufactures of the Celestial world. The rapid sales and the prices which consignees meet with on the part of the purchasers for these rich fabrics, will undoubtedly induce other capitalists to enter largely into the trade, and so far as we can see, with but little risk.

The arrival of two or three vessels from

in the port of New York, laden as vessels which have arrived here within two weeks, would have produced a glut in the market which would have lasted for months; here it has had a contrary effect, has served to create purchasers and raise prices. In New York and other Atlantic ports there are but few of the entire population, and it is not possible to absorb so much as is possibly afforded at purchase; whereas in the Pacific coast, nine out of every ten are unable but exceedingly anxious to procure the various commodities of the East. It is estimated that less than one hundred thousand have been expended by persons in the within the last two or three weeks, for pre-

friends on the Atlantic borders, who, before arrival here; would never have dreamt of such costly articles of furniture or apparel. As our population increases and the resources of the country are developed—as our people shall be to home-made in their habits, the wealth of the State here will be sufficient to carry on a large and successfully a trade with Canada and other Asiatic ports, that shall put to blush our exports heretofore carried on by the *East India Company*. This trade must concentrate the commerce of the world in the channels of the great rivers of the Eastern world.

To secure this trade the more effectually to find a permanent outlet for it through our domains; our merchants and capitalists should once co-operate with those gentlemen, who in the Western and Eastern States, are advocating warmly and patriotically the practicability of a necessity of a great chain of a road over

in this trade may flow, supplying not only the cities and towns, but the depots of the Empire on this continent. A public expression in this form from our country would have a beneficial effect and influence on those who now do not practice it, although admitting the necessity of building a railroad, such is contemptuous to our brethren on the Atlantic side.—*Pacific*, May 4.

### Churches in California.

In the autumn of 1848, the Rev. T. D. Armitage of the Sandwich Islands Mission came to this place, and commenced the first stated service according to protestant forms of worship since the establishment of the first church in the country. An engagement for the term of one year, was made with the town of San Francisco. Numerous conversions, however, were effected by

spring of 1849. Then, with the thronging migration and an increase of ministers of the churches began to be formed in this and communities. The following summary, believed, presents a complete view of the religious societies existing at the present date, in the order of their formation.

First Presbyterian Church in Benicia, Woodbridge, Jr. Next in the order of um

the churches of this city.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. A. Will-

First Baptist Church, Rev. O. C. We-

Church of the Holy Trinity, Rev. S. E.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. Tay-

—First Congregational Church, Rev. T. D.

—Grace Church, Rev. P. L. Vermehr's.

At Monterey is the Rev. S. H. Willey

byterian, who officiates as chaplain to the

post. No church organized.

At San Jose, are the Rev. J. W. Dri-

Presbyterian, and the Rev. J. D. Bro-

tish—and religious services are maintain-

Methodist society, as yet without a state

istry.

At Sacramento, a Methodist Episcopal church has been formed, Rev. Mr. Owens, and the Rev. Mr. Benton, Congregational, and Rev. J. B. Bapine, also officiate, but have not as yet organized churches.

At Stockton, Rev. James Woods, Presbyterian, has organized a Presbyterian church, the connection with the Presbytery of California is maintained, and the church is expected to also maintain worship.

The Rev. W. G. Cauders, Presbyterian, is at present on a missionary in Nappa Valley, Sonoma.

**SMART OLD LADY.**—I. B. Philbrook keeps a farm at Hardwick, Vt., from which his mother, a lady of 90 years with his assistance, made in nine months last year, one hundred pounds of butter.

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